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PYONGYANG GIVES LITERACY TESTS

One of a series of national examinations sponsored by the Hankol (Korean alphabet) School and the Short Course Adult Education School, to test the literacy of North Korean adults, was conducted in Pyongyang on 22 and 23 March 1949.

All illiterate adults [those having no knowledge of the Chinese characters] in the city took the first type of test given by the Hankel School. Those who passed this test, which was the last of the series given in this city, numbered 2,205, or 99.3 percent of the number who took the test. The percentage of those who passed the test, according to city districts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Central	98.5
Eastern	99.5
Western	99.8
Southern	100.0
Northern	99.1

The result of the higher level literacy test given to the city's merchant group by the Adult Education School is as follows:

<u>Categories of test</u>	<u>No taking test (%)</u> <u>(Anticipated no equals 100)</u>	<u>No passing test (%)</u>
Elementary	105	98.5
Intermediate	105	98.0
Advanced	101	98.0

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The total number of those who passed all series of tests given in this city was 10,633, a figure which exceeded the anticipated number by 23 percent. In terms of percentage according to city districts, the result is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Central	96.4
Eastern	99.1
Western	99.5
Southern	99.5
Northern	97.0

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